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INDOCHINA

1. EXPLOSION DEMOLISHES GALLEY OF AIR VIETNAM LINER
AND INJURES 3 OF 48 PERSONS ABOARD, MOSTLY AMERICANS,

SHORTLY AFTER LEAVING BANGKOK (WP, CHITRIB).

2. SAIGON COMMAND REPORTS 114 C-F VIOLATIONS YESTERDAY, HIGHEST COUNT SINCE AUG. 6 (REUTER).

3. LAOTIAN ARMED FORCES WENT ON FULL ALERT FOLLOWING PL'S STATEMENT THAT RLG WAS ACTING IN BAD FAITH, RENEGING ON ACCORDS (CHITRIB).

4. ACCORDING TO WELL-PLACED SOURCES, COMPROMISE IS EMERGING BETWEEN SOUVANNA AND RIGHTIST CABINET MEMBERS. WHILE NO VOTE WAS TAKEN ON PROTOCOL EMERGING COMPROMISE APPEARS TO BE SLIGHT VICTORY FOR PREMIER OVER RIGHTISTS (NYT).

5. SEIDEN (SUN) REPORTS THAT LAOTIAN WAR HAS DISPLACED 800,000 PEOPLE; AROUND 400,000 ARE BEING FED BY USG IN REFUGEE CAMPS. REMAINDER ARE CONSIDERED PERMANENTLY RESETTLED IN 1/4 OF COUNTRY STILL CONTROLLED BY RLG. WITH C-F IN EFFECT, MANY SOLDIERS SIT AROUND SMOKING POT, DRINKING AND TALKING OF GOING HOME AND GETTING MARRIED.

6. FIGHTING ERUPTS 7 MI. SW OF PP AS KI ARTILLERY AND ROCKET GRENADES STOP FANK COLUMN OF OVER 1000, INCLUDING ARMOR, THAT WAS PUSHING TO RECAPTURE TOWN ON ROUTE 2; 1 SOLDIER REPORTED KILLED AND 47 WOUNDED, 2 APCs HEAVILY DAMAGED, AND GKR CLAIMS 15 BODIES RECOVERED OF ESTIMATED 60 KI KILLED (AP CHITRIB, NYDN, SUN).

7. GKR PAYS TROOPS AND RENEWS DRIVE AGAINST ENTRENCHED KI POSITIONS ON ROUTE 4; PP'S LINK TO SEA NOW CUT FOR 10 DAYS (AP, NYDN; NYT). FANK REGROUPS FOR NEW ATTACK ON ROUTE 4, BUT KI GO ON OFFENSIVE AND FANK ORDERED TO HOLD GROUND (UPI; WP).

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8. BROWNE (NYT) AND WILLIAMS (REUTER) REPORT BATTLE FOR KOMPONG CHAM CONTINUES WITH FIGHTING NOW ON UNIVERSITY GROUNDS WITHIN CITY LIMITS AND HEAVY MORTAR BARRAGE (ESTIMATED 100 ROUNDS) ON CITY FOR SECOND NIGHT IN ROW; AIRPORT AND AIRPORT ROAD UNDER HEAVY PRESSURE (ALSO WP; AP CHITRIB, SUN). FANK TRIES PREVENT LINKUP BETWEEN KI NEAR AIRPORT AND UNIVERSITY; HELICOPTERS BRING SUPPLIES BUT UNLOAD WHILE HOVERING TO PREVENT PEOPLE FROM TRYING TO CLIMB ABOARD (WILLIAMS). GKR POSITIONS AT PAGODA AND TEXTILE FACTORY NW AND N. OF KOMPONG CHAM FALL TO KI WITH HEAVY CASUALTIES (WP). KI BOMBARD SURROUNDED PROVINCE CAPITAL OF PREY VENG (NYT).

9. JOHNSTON (S-N) REPORTS DOD RENEGES ON PROMISE TO PROVIDE SFRC DOCUMENTED ACCOUNTING OF SECRET CAMBODIAN BOMBING BY SEPT. 5; DELAY MAY BE SEVERAL WEEKS, SINCE PENTAGON CLAIMS PAPER IS ONLY IN EARLY DRAFT STAGE AND WILL HAVE TO BE REVIEWED BY CLEMENTS WHO IS SCHEDULED TO LEAVE SEPT. 7 FOR KOREA AND JAPAN. CAPITOL HILL SOURCES SUSPECT POSTPONEMENT DUE WH WISH FOR QUICK CONFIRMATION OF HAK SINCE CONFIRMATION HEARINGS WILL BE ON SEPT. 7, AND INTERESTED SENATORS WILL NOW BE DEPRIVED OF FULL DATA ON BOMBING PLANNING IN WHICH HAK BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN INVOLVED.

10. SEN. HUGHES SAYS GEN. ABRAMS CONFIRMED BEFORE SASC THAT SECRET CAMBODIAN RAIDS WERE MADE INTO AREAS W. OF MEKONG WHERE US SAID IT WAS NOT BOMBING AT THE TIME; GEN. WHEELER TESTIFIED ON JULY 30 THAT PRES. HAD LIMITED US AIR OPS DURING CAMBODIAN INVASION TO WITHIN 30 MI. OF BORDER. HUGHES SAYS ABRAMS' STATEMENT RAISES NEW QUESTIONS ABOUT PRES.' PREVIOUS ASSERTIONS THAT US MILITARY WERE NOT SUPPORTING CAMBODIANS, BUT ONLY PROTECTING US TROOPS IN SVN (REUTER).

CHINA

11. ALL PAPERS REPORT PRESIDENT'S PRESS CONFERENCE STATEMENT THAT HAK WILL GO TO PEKING AFTER HE IS CONFIRMED.
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12. NCNA ANNOUNCES CHINA HAS BUMPER RICE HARVEST, DESPITE BAD WEATHER AND OTHER PROBLEMS. SOUTH CHINA'S 13 MAIN RICE-GROWING AREAS ALL REGISTERED HIGH YIELD IN EARLY CROPS, SOME SHOWING 30 INCREASE. PEASANTS ADOPTED NEW "SCIENTIFIC FARMING" METHODS TO BOOST PRODUCTION AND LARGE NUMBER OF "PEASANT-TECHNICIANS" SPECIFICALLY TRAINED. WATER CONTROL PROJECTS AND IMPROVEMENT OF IRRIGATION ALSO PLAYED IMPORTANT ROLE, NCNA REPORTS (REUTER).

13. CHINA NATIONAL MACHINERY EXPORT & IMPORT AGENCY ACCUSES TOYOTA OF SUPPORTING CONCEPT OF "TWO CHINAS." TOYOTA SPOKESMAN IN TOKYO SAYS PRC HAS SUSPENDED BUSINESS DEALS WITH FIRM BECAUSE IT CALLED TAIWAN "THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA" IN NEWSPAPER AD (UPI, NYDN).

THAILAND

14. THOUSANDS OF BANGKOK STUDENTS RALLIED WEDNESDAY TO PROTEST STATE UNIVERSITY RULING THAT THEY DENOUNCED AS RTG ATTEMPT TO SEPARATE THEM FROM GENERAL PUBLIC. RULING, CIRCULATED TO ALL LOCAL UNIVERSITIES, SAID

UNIVERSITY PANEL DISCUSSIONS SHOULD BE "INTERNAL"
AFFAIRS ORGANIZED BETWEEN STUDENTS AND LECTURERS;
"OUTSIDERS" TO BE INVITED ONLY AT DISCRETION OF UNIVERSITY
ADMINISTRATORS (AFP, WP).

JAPAN/KOREA

15. KIM DAE JUNG CASE THREATENS TO BECOME MAJOR
JAPAN-ROK DIPLOMATIC INCIDENT AS TOKYO POLICE IMPLICATE
ROK FIRST SEC. KIM DON WOO IN CASE AND ROK OFFICIALS
REFUSE RELEASE DIPLOMAT TO POLICE FOR QUESTIONING.
AS EVIDENCE, TOKYO POLICE SAY KIM DON WOO WAS SEEN
OUTSIDE KIM DAE JUNG'S HOTEL BEFORE KIDNAPPING, AND
KIM DON WOO'S FINGERPRINTS FOUND ON BOTTLE CONTAINING
CHEMICAL WITH WHICH KIM DAE JUNG HAD BEEN CHLOROFORMED
(CHITRIB'S KIRK; NYT'S HALLORAN; SUN'S PEPPER, ALL
IN TOKYO).

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16. CITING CHIEF CABINET SECRETARY NIKAIIDO'S ASSERTION
THAT ROK INVOLVEMENT IN KIM DAE JUNG'S ABDUCTION
IS NOW "AN UNDENIABLE FACT," PEPPER CONCLUDES THAT
NIKAIIDO WAS SAYING, BY IMPLICATION, THAT ROK MUST
ACKNOWLEDGE ITS RESPONSIBILITY IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN
CLOSE JAPAN-SK ECON AND POLITICAL LINKS BUILDING
UP SINCE 1967. HALLORAN FEELS DISCLOSURE OF EVIDENCE
BY JAPAN SEEMS CERTAIN TO INTENSIFY DISRUPTION OF
SK-JAPAN RELATIONS.

JAPAN

17. LIBYA ORDERS TWO 86,000-TON OIL TANKERS FROM
JAPANESE BUILDERS FOR DELIVERY IN FIRST HALF OF
NEXT YEAR AND TWO 118,000-TON TANKERS FOR DELIVERY
EARLY IN 1976. ANNOUNCEMENT FOLLOWS LAST WEEK'S
GOJ DELEGATION VISIT TO LIBYA DURING WHICH CLOSER
ECON AND POLITICAL RELATIONS WERE DISCUSSED (JOC).

18. JOC'S CULLISON, IN TOKYO, SAYS JAPANESE FINANCIAL
AUTHORITIES "ARE WAITING ALMOST BREATHLESSLY" TO
SEE WHETHER SAUDI ARABIAN OIL MINISTER WILL RAISE
QUESTION OF DEMANDING YEN PAYMENTS FOR ALL FUTURE
OIL SALES TO JAPAN DURING NEXT OPEC MEETING SEPT.
15. JAPANESE FEAR SUCH PAYMENTS WOULD MEAN CONSIDERABLE
YEN RESERVES PASSING TO ARAB NATIONS AND ACCUMULATION
OF YEN IN WORLD BANKING CAPITALS.

KOREA

19. CHITRIB REPORTS SEVERAL HUNDRED MEMBERS OF
CHICAGO AREA'S KOREAN COMMUNITY WILL PARTICIPATE
IN "RALLY FOR DEMOCRACY IN KOREA" SATURDAY AT CITY'S

CIVIC CENTER PLAZA. RALLY, STEMMING FROM SIMILAR AUG. 19 WASHINGTON DEMONSTRATION, WILL FEATURE 3 SPEAKERS INCLUDING CHANNING LIEM, FORMER ROK UN ENVOY; SANGDON KIM, FORMER SEOUL MAYOR; AND DR. JAIHYON LEE, FORMER DIRECTOR OF KOREAN INFORMATION OFFICE IN WASHINGTON.

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

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20. RELIABLE PEKING SOURCES TELL GLOBE AND MAIL'S JOHN BURNS (NYT) THAT NPC WILL CONVENE BEFORE END OF MONTH AND CONCLUDE BEFORE NATIONAL DAY CELEBRATIONS. MEETING WILL COMPLETE THE PROCESS OF RETURNING CHINA TO INSTITUTIONAL POLITICAL LIFE BEGUN BY PARTY CONGRESS, THUS ENDING PERIOD OF FLEXIBLE ARRANGEMENTS THAT BEGAN WITH OUTBREAK OF GPCR. ELECTION OF HEAD OF STATE, POSITION WHICH STILL BELONGS ON PAPER TO "ARCH VILLAIN" LIU SHAO-CHI, TO BE MOST IMPORTANT RESPONSIBILITY OF NPC. LEADING CANDIDATE IS STILL ALERT 87 YEARS-OLD TUNG PI-WU, WHO HAS HELD JOB IN ACTING CAPACITY FOR 18 MONTHS. ALTHOUGH NAMES OF MOST GOVERNMENT MINISTERS ALREADY KNOWN, NPC EXPECTED TO DISCLOSE ITS SELECTION OF DEFENSE PORTFOLIO LEFT VACANT BY LIN PIAO. YEH CHIEN-YING HAS BEEN ACTING AND IS CONSIDERED ALMOST CERTAIN TO BE CONFIRMED IN DEFENSE POST.

21. WP'S GREENWAY IN HONG KONG INTERVIEWS JUSTICE DOUGLAS, WHO CAME OUT OF CHINA SEPT. 5 AFTER THREE-WEEK VISIT ASSERTING THAT "21ST CENTURY WILL PROBABLY BELONG TO THE CHINESE" AND THAT PROBLEM IN NEXT CENTURY WAS GOING TO BE "FEEDING PEOPLE." DOUGLAS ALSO SAID THAT CHINA HAD SHOWN ABILITY, MORE THAN ANY OTHER DEVELOPING COUNTRY, TO KEEP PEOPLE "WELL FED AND HEALTHY." MET WITH VP OF CHINA'S SUPREME COURT, TSENG HAN-CHOU, AND DISCUSSED WITH PROVINCIAL OFFICIALS LEGAL PROPOSALS FOR NEW STATE CONSTITUTION, WHICH IS NOW UNDER DISCUSSION "AT ALL LEVELS OF DIALOGUE", AND WHICH CONTAINED WHOLLY NEW CONCEPTION (FOR CHINA) "OF DUE PROCESS." OBSERVED CHINA MAKING PROGRESS IN CONSERVATION AND ECOLOGY.

22, S-N'S BRADSHER (SEPT. 5) IN HONG KONG SAYS THAT IN DENOUNCING LIN PIAO AT 10TH PARTY CONGRESS, PARTY LEADERSHIP SUGGESTED BUT NEVER FULLY EXPLAINED "TRAITOROUS" RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN LIN AND KREMLIN. ATTEMPTS TO EXPLAIN RETICENCE IN CONTEXT OF RADICAL OPPONENTS OF CHOU'S DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN POLICIES BIDDING FOR MILITARY SUPPORT, HENCE MAKING WHOLE SUBJECT OF LIN'S CONTACTS WITH MOSCOW TOO DELICATE TO

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ELABORATE ON AT PRESENT. ASSERTS THAT RADICALS HAVE BEEN APPEALING FOR SUPPORT OF MILITARY BY ATTACKING PRC'S CURRENT US POLICY AND INTIMATES THAT ATTACKS ARE COMPATIBLE WITH MILITARY ATTITUDES. SAYS WHEN MAO AND CHOU DECIDED TO BEGIN IMPROVING RELATIONS WITH THE US, MILITARY MEN SAW LITTLE POINT IN CHANGING THEIR ATTITUDE TOWARD THE COUNTRY THEY HAD FOUGHT IN KOREA AND STILL FACED ON CHINA'S EASTERN AND SOUTHERN FLANK, ESPECIALLY SINCE CHANGE WOULD ONLY ANTAGONIZE THE USSR AND THEREFORE PRESUMABLY INCREASE EXPOSURE OF CHINA'S NORTHERN AND WESTERN BORDERS TO REAL DANGER.

23. LAT'S MCARTHUR (SEPT. 1) IN SAIGON DESCRIBES DRUG PROBLEM WHICH AFFECTS BROAD SPECTRUM OF SVN SOCIETY, AND HOW SOME ATTEMPT TO COPE WITH IT. CITES CENTRAL ANTI-NARCOTICS COMMITTEE AS RECENTLY STATING THAT THERE WERE 130,000 ADDICTS IN THE COUNTRY, HALF BELOW AGE OF 18. DIRECTOR OF HEALTH FOR EDUCATION MINISTRY BELIEVES NUMBER MUST BE MUCH HIGHER AND FEELS ALMOST ALL ARE ON HEROIN. ASSERTS THAT SOME BIG DRUG TRAFFICKERS ARE STILL ACTIVE AND FLOW OF DRUGS CONTINUES FROM GOLDEN TRIANGLE AREA, THROUGH BANGKOK AND INTO SVN VIA COASTAL JUNKS. THERE IS NO EVIDENCE OF VC INVOLVEMENT.

24. NYT MANILA REPORT SEES AQUINO CASE PUTTING SEVERE TEST ON MARCOS' EFFORTS TO EXERCISE DICTATORIAL MARTIAL-LAW AUTHORITY WHILE MAINTAINING THAT HIS ACTIONS ARE CONSTITUTIONAL AND LEGAL. CITES KNOWLEDGEABLE OBSERVERS AS THINKING MARCOS MAY HAVE AQUINO CASE REINVESTIGATED FOR PROTRACTED PERIOD, LET PUBLIC INTEREST SUBSIDE AND THEN QUIETLY GRANT AMNESTY. INDICATES THAT MARCOS IS HANDLING AQUINO CASE CAREFULLY, SINCE HE DOES NOT WANT THE IMAGE HE HAS BUILT UP FOR RELATIVELY MILD APPLICATION OF MARTIAL LAW (EXCEPT IN CASE OF CONTROLLING MEDIA WHICH HAS BEEN DRASTIC) TO BE TARNISHED EITHER DOMESTICALLY OR INTERNATIONALLY. SEPARATELY, NYT REPORTS SPEECH BY MANGLAPUS, NOW TEACHING AT CORNELL, BEFORE MOVEMENT FOR A FREE PHILIPPINES, CHARGING

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THAT AQUINO TRIAL BEFORE MILITARY TRIBUNAL IS "ANOTHER INSTANCE OF THE ABUSE OF POWER" COMMITTED BY MARCOS.

25. WSJ'S HARTLEY IN JAKARTA WRITES EXTENSIVELY

ON FOREIGN EXPLOITATION OF OIL AND MINERAL
RESOURCES IN INDONESIA. RUSH

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